

EA Timeline

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Emergencies Act Timeline

High Level :

- PM declared the EA just before 5pm on Feb 14, however appears to have been leaked to CBC early, as CBC published that EA was being invoked at 7:54am ET on Feb 14.
 - ["Federal government invokes Emergencies Act for first time ever in response to protests, blockades."](#)
- After EA announced, Coutts sit rep at 8pm ET on Feb 14th indicates that blockade was still in place and protests were ongoing North of the POE. Sit rep from 8am ET Feb 15 indicates that progress had been made, and RCMP were able to open north and southbound lanes on Highway 4.
- Hard to determine exact impact of EA (vs. the arrests in Coutts on morning of 14th), but very clear that the blockade and protests were still present for a number of hours following the EA.
- EA likely a deterrent that the AB RCMP could point to in clearing out the blockade.

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Feb 14:

EA Announced

- CBC article from just before 8am on Feb 14 notes "Federal government invokes Emergencies Act for first time ever in response to protests, blockades."
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- PM officially announced EA during Media Avail from 4:30-5pm. Roughly declared at 5pm ET

POE Blockades - AB

Sit rep as of 1pm ET:

- **Coutts:** as of 1pm ET, Coutts experiencing suspension of service. Ongoing Protests North of POE.
 - **NOTE:** News that 11 people had been arrested at Coutts at 1:30 on Feb 14

- **“RCMP seize haul of guns, ammo and make 11 arrests at Coutts, Alta. border protest”** [Toronto Star](#)

- **Emerson:** as of 1:20pm ET, blockade still in place. Commercial vehicles being directed to other POEs at this point.

Sit rep as of 8pm ET:

- **Coutts:** As of 8pm ET, no change in status at the POE – Temporary suspension of service still in place. **Ongoing protests North of POE**
 - **NOTE: Protests continued – 3 hours past EA announcement**
- **Emerson:** as of 4:31 et, no change. Low Traffic volume, protestors allowing some livestock truck to go south at Pembina, but are held up before they proceed. Canada bound traffic redirected to other ports. Blockade/protests remained north of the border.

Feb 15

POE Blockades – AB

Sit Rep as of 7am ET

Coutts

- On the evening of February 14, the RCMP advised that they had been able to move the trucks out of the way and that lanes are open northbound and southbound on Highway 4.
- The RCMP will assess the situation overnight for the release of northbound traffic. If successful and without issues, Coutts POE could reopen in the morning of February 15.
 - **This happened sometime after 8pm**

Emerson

- As of 00:20 ET, blockade remained in place. RCMP have indicated there was a reduction in vehicles at the protest blockade site. Traffic volumes are very low.
- Commercial vehicles are being returned to the US and some passenger vehicles released through secondary roads.

Prov. Gov responses

- AB
 - **Kenney Presser**



Courtney Theriault
@cspotweet

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Premier Kenney at an afternoon presser says he doesn't think Emergencies Act will affect Alberta as they already have the tools to handle the Coutts blockade.

Says light touch there was just due to investigation into potentially violent cell- can now move to enforcement.

6:46 PM · Feb 14, 2022 · Twitter Web App

■ 3 Retweets 6 Quote Tweets 20 Likes

■ <https://twitter.com/cspotweet/status/1493371150038147072>

■ Kenney Presser – Tweet from 6:46 pm, find time of presser. During this presser Kenney doesn't think EA will affect AB as they have the tools to handle the Coutts blockade

- NOTE: This means it was NOT yet dealt with or dispersed.

- **RCMP update on Arrests at Coutts – 4pm**
- **Noted that some protestors were already starting to leave, “RCMP Officer:** Well, the border needs to open. So it's very important. And we already have people. I have been advised pulling out and leaving. And I guess we will see how long that takes..”

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